

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—I have answered that the report is under consideration.

Jana b MOHAMED VALIULLA (Kolar—Muslim).—Will the Government set up another Committee to implement the recommendations of this Committee?

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—If my Hon'ble friend will peruse the recommendations of the Committee, he will see that they have exhaustively considered the whole question and they have made certain recommendations. They are under the active consideration of the Government and they are going to implement them effectively and expeditiously.

Rajamantrapravina H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA (Hassan District—General).—Have the Government found any officer responsible for any of these latches?

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—The report is very clear that owing to failure of south-west or north-east monsoon, owing to natural causes, the lake dried up.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Is it a fact that there is mention made that owing to the supply of water to series of tanks the water was depleted?

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—If the Hon'ble Member will kindly look into the report, they say that if the tanks had not been breached they could have stored water and to that extent water would have been saved.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Is it a fact that there is mention made that on account of *kar ragi* to be grown under tanks water was supplied and neither there was sufficient water nor the water supplied to the tank allowed to remain?

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—The Committee have gone into that question and they are definitely of the opinion that no *kar ragi* was grown under Irwin Canal in 1950.

Sri H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It is not a question of 'grown'. There was an attempt made to grow *kar ragi*.

The Hon'ble Sri T. MARIAPPA.—No attempt was ever made and the Government Press Note makes it very clear.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(to which answers were laid on the Table).

Policy in respect of disposal of date groves for cultivation.

*Q.—114. **Sri GANGYA NAIKA** (Shimoga District—Depressed Class).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the policy they are going to pursue in respect of the members of the Depressed Classes while disposing of lands within the date groves?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

While disposing of date groves released for cultivation, the applications of persons belonging to Depressed Classes will be given preference and their cases will be considered very sympathetically, if they do not possess any other lands.

Plea for reduction of Electric Power charges for domestic heating circuits.

*Q.—174. **Sri W. H. HANUMANTHAPPA** (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they will reduce the present rate by three pies per unit of electric power consumed for *bona fide* domestic heating circuits?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

The reduction is not possible at present as the rate was enhanced from six pies to nine pies per unit only recently due to the enhanced cost of materials and labour.